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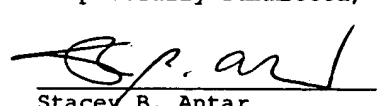
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001 for two(2) months from November 3, 2001 to January 3, 2002. A Response to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-222/SBA in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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